

Troop 10:

For those of you who missed tonight's meeting or need a reminder here are the highlights from Sept. 14th meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm with the pledge of allegiance and scout oath.

### **Scoutmaster Announcements:**

1. The family campout is a week from this weekend at Quail hill Scout camp. The campout will be from Friday night the 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday morning the 24<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the trailer at 5:00pm or you can come later directly to Quail Hill. Paul G has a sign up sheet for tonight. You must sign up so "We know how much food to get. The cost will be \$7.00 per person." If you were not there tonight and want to attend must email Paul or Scott the names and number of people coming. Checks payable to troop 10 or cash due to Paul G or Scott W by next meeting. Reminder the Court of Honor is Saturday at 7pm so try to come as this is where you receive your merit badges and pin your parents for rank advancements.
2. All scouts will need to bring a day pack and your back pack next week for inspection. This same day pack and back pack will need to be brought to the campout.
3. For those scouts who are going on the campout and your parents are not going you will need a permission slip. They are here for you tonight. Please get them filled out and signed and back to us at the next meeting.
4. Remember Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> we have a double Eagle Court of Honor. It will start at 3:30 PM however all scouts report by 2:00 PM. You will need to be in your full field uniform (Current Class A) including Troop neckerchief. Red shirts are called the activity uniform. I would like to see a good showing. This Court of Honor is for Michael W and Danny B.

**Nights Activity**--Learned how to put up tents and practiced, then even did it blindfold. Reviewed day packs and backpacks.

### **End of Meeting Announcements-**

1. Dan B says need to be at the fundraiser Fri at 5pm.
2. Chris H thanked those who attended Community Unity Day.
3. Those who are den chiefs for Pack 108 their first pack meeting is WED the 20th so please attend.
4. Steve K reported he will conduct a den chief training in mid October. Brandon W, Patrick K, and David G signed up tonight. If you have not yet been trained and are interested email Steve K at [skatz56@aol.com](mailto:skatz56@aol.com) this week and let him know. To serve as a Den Chief you must be in Troop 10 for one year.
5. Calendar is posted on the website so please review that for upcoming events. These highlights are also available under the Leaders tab.
6. Tom Mc. has signed up as the troops music councilor so if interested in this badge can contact him.
7. Updated rosters and birthday lists were distributed. They were also emailed and can be obtained at meeting from Christine W.
8. Donna P needs medical forms ASAP if attending campout and troop programs.

### **Reminders--**

1. November 18th at 3pm at Crossroads North will be Andrew R. Court of Honor. Mark your calendars now.
2. Full class A uniforms are required for all those in 1st class rank or above. Shirts are to be tucked in, scout socks, no sneakers.
3. We will be doing the Fall Camporee Oct 13, 14, 15th at Thompson park in Jamesburg. Will be a 10 event competition geared for fun. Will be a castle and events like chariot races, stone put, pioneer tower, first aid of medieval times like what to do when a boy is pierced by an arrow, etc. Certain supplies are required for the events. Sign up for this will be next week.

## **Scoutmaster Minute: THE HIGH COST OF GETTING EVEN**

ONE NIGHT YEARS AGO, I WAS TRAVELING THROUGH YELLOWSTONE PARK. I SAT WITH SOME OTHER PEOPLE ON A STAND OF BLEACHERS FACING A DENSE GROWTH OF PINE AND SPRUCE. EVENTUALLY A GRIZZLY BEAR, THE TERROR OF THE FOREST, STRODE OUT INTO THE GLARE OF THE LIGHTS AND BEGAN DEVOURING THE GARAGE THAT HAD BEEN DUMPED THERE FROM THE KITCHEN OF ONE OF THE PARK'S HOTELS. NOW, A GRIZZLY BEAR CAN WHIP ANY OTHER ANIMAL IN THE WESTERN WORLD, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS OF THE BUFFALO AND THE KODIAK BEAR; YET I NOTICED THAT NIGHT THAT THERE WAS ONE ANIMAL, AND ONLY ONE, THAT THE GRIZZLY PERMITTED TO COME OUT OF THE FOREST AND EAT WITH HIM UNDER THE GLARE OF THE LIGHTS—A SKUNK. THE GRIZZLY KNEW THAT HE COULD KILL THE SKUNK WITH ONE SWIPE OF HIS MIGHTY PAW. WHY DIDN'T HE DO IT? BECAUSE HE HAD FOUND FROM EXPERIENCE THAT IT DIDN'T PAY.

I HAVE ALSO FOUND THAT TO BE TRUE. I HAVE ENCOUNTERED BOTH FOUR- AND TWO-LEGGED SKUNKS DURING MY LIFE AND FOUND FROM SAD EXPERIENCE THAT IT DOESN'T PAY TO STIR UP EITHER VARIETY.

WHEN WE HATE OUR ENEMIES, WE ARE GIVING THEM POWER OVER US—POWER OVER OUR SLEEP, OUR APPETITE, OUR BLOOD PRESSURE, OUR HEALTH, AND OUR HAPPINESS. OUR ENEMIES WOULD DANCE WITH JOY IF THEY KNEW HOW THEY WERE WORRYING US, EXASPERATING US, OR SIMPLY GETTING EVEN WITH US. OUR HATE IS NOT HURTING THEM AT ALL. BUT OUR HATE IS TURNING OUR OWN DAYS AND NIGHTS INTO AGONIZING TURMOIL.

TRY TO CULTIVATE A MENTAL ATTITUDE THAT WILL BRING YOU PEACE AND HAPPINESS.

**\*\*Next meeting** is Sept 21st at Crossroads North Middle school reminder full uniform is required and for first class and above that means scout socks and no sneakers too\*\*

\*\*Note the BCC address is at the request of members for privacy of addresses and the lack of last names for scouts is for privacy as these highlights are posted on the website\*\*\*

Yours in Scouting,

*Christine,  
Troop 10 Secretary*

